

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 ADDIS 04773 051519Z  
ACTION ORM-02

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 AF-10 SS-15 IO-13 L-03 PRS-01  
CIAE-00 INR-07 NSC-05 ISO-00 /069 W  
-----113729 051809Z /44-S

P R 051450Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5138  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM PRIORITY  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 4773

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CVIS SREF ET  
SUBJECT: MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY

REF: A) STOCKHOLM 3244, B) STOCKHOLM 3229

1. NEWS THAT FLIGHT OF ROYAL FAMILY CHILDREN FROM ETHIOPIA IS PUBLIC INFORMATION SUGGESTS EVEN MORE STRONGLY TO US THAT NOW IS NOT RPT NOT TIME FOR US TO BE FACILITATING QUICK AND QUIET ENTRY OF CHILDREN INTO U.S. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL (A). INDEED WE AGREE WITH STOCKHOLM THAT CASE WILL NOW ATTRACT INCREASING ATTENTION FROM MEDIA AND OTHERS AND PRESUME AS RESULT THAT QUIET ENTRY INTO U.S. IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER EPMG, NOW THAT MATTER IS PUBLIC, WILL FEEL ITSELF COMPELLED TO REACT, NOR DO WE KNOW FOR SURE WHETHER THEY HAVE YET PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER AND CONNECTED COLLINSES WITH FLIGHT OF CHILDREN. SOONER OR LATER EPMG WILL MAKE THAT CONNECTION, INDEED IF PRESS FINDS IT OUT, CONNECTION WILL BE MADE FOR THEM. IF WE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 ADDIS 04773 051519Z

NOW TAKE QUICK ACTION TO FACILITATE ENTRY INTO U.S., THEREFORE, WE RISK BEING ACCUSED HERE OF COMPLICITY WITH COLLINS. IF ON OTHER HAND, DESPITE COLLINS CONNECTION, WE DISSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM COLLINS BY LEAVING MATTER IN UNHCR OR ANYONE ELSE'S HANDS AT LEAST FOR NOW, ANY EPMG SUSPICION DIRECTED OUR WAY HAS SOME CHANGE OF BEING MUTED.

3. WHETHER COLLINS CONNECTION WILL HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON MISSIONARIES HERE AND ESPECIALLY AMERICAN MISSIONARIES, WE DO NOT KNOW. COLLINS HAS TOLD STOCKHOLM THAT ALL OF THEIR BAPTIST GROUP ARE OUT OF ETHIOPIA AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS TRUE. UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF OTHER MISSIONARIES OF A VARIETY OF NATIONALITIES AND DENOMINATIONS HERE, AND EPMG IS NOT ALWAYS SO CAREFUL IN DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN ONE OR ANOTHER.

4. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, IF ENTRY INTO STATES IS INEVITABLE, WE STILL MUCH PREFER APPROACH DEPT HAS TAKEN. DELAY WILL AT LEAST GIVE US CHANCE TO GAUGE REACTION HERE AND TEST WATERS. IT MAY ALSO ALLOW PUBLICITY TO BLOW OVER AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR EPMG EVENTUALLY TO ACCEPT THEIR ENTRY INTO U.S. MOREOVER WELFARE OF CHILDREN IS APPARENTLY ASSURED -- WE SEE NO IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN NEED FOR THEM TO LEAVE SWEDEN, AND ACCORDINGLY SEE NO REASON TO BE STAMPEDED INTO DOING THINGS BY COLLINS WHOSE JUDGMENTS OF SITUATION HERE AND WHOSE MOTIVATIONS AND CONCERNS DO NOT NECESSARILY ACCORD WITH OURS. NOR DO WE AGREE WITH STOCKHOLM THAT U.S. RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA ET AL SHOULD BE DETERMINING POLITICAL ELEMENT.

TENKEN

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CHILDREN, REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, POLICIES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 05-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977ADDIS04773  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770281-0729  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** ADDIS ABABA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770895/aaaadbzp.tel  
**Line Count:** 86  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** dc097061-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ORM  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 STOCKHOLM 3244, 77 STOCKHOLM 3229  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 01-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1704206  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY  
**TAGS:** CVIS, SREF, OTRA, ET, SW, US, (COLLINS)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/dc097061-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009